



MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 1907.

There was a lodge of sorrow at the meeting of the City Council last Saturday night, especially in the Board of Aldermen, three members of the latter body and the messenger having died during the past two months, while another, a young, popular and faithful representative from the Second ward, was confined to his home by illness. When all the seats are filled but ten persons appear in the chamber in the north wing of the City Hall—eight Aldermen, the clerk and the messenger. On Saturday night only four members of the board could appear, one of the survivors being out of the city and another prostrate upon a bed of sickness. Death had cut a wide swath in the ranks of the corporation's guard which usually gathers bi-monthly in the Aldermen's chamber, and the expressions of sympathy which came from the survivors were from the soul and were expressed with evidences of emotion. Seldom does the king of terrors use his scythe with such effect in a little band, and the quatermen which gathered realized the sad import of the occasion. Two days only had elapsed since they had followed the remains of the president of the board to the city of the dead, and by the time the corpse ceased to flutter upon the door knob of the home of the deceased, the already decimated ranks of the Board of Aldermen were apprised of the sudden taking away of another member, who, like those who had preceded him, had served the community in one capacity or another from early manhood. The heads of the last two had whitened during their official careers. Two hours before the third Aldermen paid the debt of nature, the faithful and popular messenger had laid aside the staff of life and passed on to the shores of the great unknown. There is seldom any friction in the Board of Aldermen, the few gentlemen composing that body generally being of one accord, and it has been noticed recently that although occasionally interchanges of opinions were carried on, there was but little that savored of discussion, certainly not of the factions, and when votes were finally taken all generally voted the same way. Besides this the Aldermen seldom failed to concur in the action of the lower board on such papers as were sent to them. Each and every member seemed to realize that he was simply a representative of the people, and not elected to manifest resentment incidental to previous political issues. The best of feeling prevailed in the little band, although in by-gone days the members had differed widely in certain contests when they were champions of other candidates. In the little flock there were men who had violently antagonized each other in the political arena, both as contestants and backers of the same. Each had manifested the true spirit by rising superior to all recollections of the past and was working with one accord in the interests of the city. May the same spirit continue to actuate the survivors and guide the successors of those who have laid aside their burdens.

Forty thousand immigrants, it is said, are now on their way to New York in thirty steamships, and all records for arrival of aliens at that port are likely to be broken by the arrival of the immense fleet. The immigrants come mostly from Italy and Germany. There is a fear that the North is getting too many immigrants. The South has practically none. The North has all the immigrant stations. The remedy, says American Industries, is partially to close the northern stations and open southern immigrant stations. Continuing, that journal says:

Why should the section that needs immigrants pay a tax in railroad fares of \$15 to \$25 per immigrant? Congress and the President seem to take this view, as an appropriation of \$70,000 each has just been made for the building of immigrant stations at Galveston, New Orleans, and Charleston. The southern Congressmen allowed the new immigration law to be rushed through Congress to meet the California-Japanese complication, on the assurance of those in positions to know that its provisions would not in any way change the law in its relation to the South Carolina plan. Through some misunderstanding the South will to some degree suffer for the national spirit of its representatives; for the new law does contain a new clause intended to prevent corporations and others from directly or indirectly contributing transportation money through the State and adds a deportation clause. Neither the old nor the new law prohibits the prepayment of passages by persons or corporations if there is no contract of any kind, but this must be proved affirmatively. Nor does either law prohibit contracting skilled labor and prepaying its passage by individuals or corporations if skilled labor of the kind cannot be had in the United States. This the North Carolina manufacturers have successfully shown in the recent trial at Greensboro, where the government, after a long trial, agreeing to a verdict for the defendants, admitting that skilled cotton mill help could not be found at present unemployed in the United States.

Few persons outside realize how healthful the climate and how productive the soils to be found in the South, nor how progressive its new spirit of enterprise. Cheap land and undeveloped resources are the South's trump cards, which at the crucial moment will win the game.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, April 22.

The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States "stood pat" today on their division in the famous Edman-Tilghman case, by an equally divided court of four to four. Last fall it affirmed the decision of the lower court that the federal assessor of the war revenue act of 1898 could not be collected where death occurred in the year preceding July 1, 1902, when the law was repealed. The government then brought in other cases, among them William McCoch, collector of internal revenue of Pennsylvania versus the Philadelphia Trust Safe Deposit and Insurance Company, hoping to get a justice to change his opinion. By the decision today all "stood pat" and as Justice Moody, the new member, could not sit in the case, the government lost again. Between seven and eight million dollars has been collected improperly according to this decision.

Gov. Gen. Smith, of the Philippines, has made a report to the War Department about the recent earthquakes and fires which have caused damage in the islands. Application was made in the U. S. Supreme Court today for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the Circuit Court of Eastern Pennsylvania in which it was held that the Pennsylvania Railroad need not produce its books to show the daily car distribution to coke companies in Pennsylvania. This judgment is the outgrowth of a suit brought by the Webster and Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company for \$2,600,000 in the distribution of cars and other discriminations against them.

It was announced at the White House today that President Roosevelt would leave for his summer vacation at Oyster Bay, L. I., on June 12. This will make his earliest departure from Washington upon any summer since he has been in office. The President's last official appearance before leaving for home will be his second visit to the Jamestown Exposition on "Georgia Day," which is set for June 11th. Immediately upon returning from the exposition he will take the train for Oyster Bay.

The U. S. Supreme Court announced today that it will adjourn on May 27, until next October. The call of the record will cease Friday but opinions will be announced on April 29 and May 13. Fears are entertained that there will be a renewal of hostilities in Central America. Advice received from there today are to the effect that the conference between the Nicaragua and Salvadoran ministers at Amapala is deadlocked. The trouble seems to be failure to agree on the details regarding the maintenance of order on the border.

The last notice in the U. S. Supreme Court of the case of Maggie Myers, of Missouri, sentenced to be hanged was heard today when it was dismissed because the record has not been printed. Since the case was docketed, the governor of Missouri has commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

The U. S. Supreme Court today upheld the suicide insurance statute in Missouri. It announced its opinion that the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, had sought to evade the statute by including a clause in its policy to the effect that if the insured committed suicide only one tenth of the face of the policy would be paid. The Hyde-Diamond-Benson fraud conspiracy case which was to have gone to trial today in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has been postponed until next week. Hyde-Diamond and Benson, members of a California syndicate, is charged conspired to defraud the government by means of fraudulent entries.

D. A. R.

The sixteenth continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, after a week replete with incident, adjourned in Washington Saturday. The last hours were marked by many brilliant social affairs, at which the visiting Daughters were honored guests. Mrs. Catherine Egan, of Florida, presented Mrs. McLean a silver loving cup, the gift of the Daughters. The presentation was made just before adjournment.

The refusal of the Congress to accept the recommendation of its treasurer general, Mrs. M. E. S. Davis, that the funds of the society be invested in government bonds in the future, and the approval of the action of the finance committee in investing a portion of its funds in railroad bonds, were the features of the concluding session of that body, which adjourned finally Saturday afternoon, after a full week's session.

Among the State regents elected were the following from Virginia—Mrs. Samuel W. Jameson, Mrs. John D. Horeley.

Accident on Southern Railway. As the result of a wreck on the Southern Railway a short distance east of Woodlawn a suburb of Birmingham, Ala., early yesterday, two men are dead and seven persons injured.

A freight train with a dead engine on the rear was coming toward Birmingham. The operator, it is said, allowed a fast passenger train to enter the block, and it crashed into the dead engine, smashing both engines and demolishing several cars. Three cars of the freight train were thrown against the eastbound track almost at the instant that a wrecking train on route to Heflin, Ala., passed. The wrecker struck them, and practically the whole freight train piled into the ditch. Two men were caught under the engine. The baggage and mail cars of the passenger train were badly damaged.

Four Children Burned to Death. Fulton, Ky., April 22.—Four children were burned to death and their parents and two other children barely escaped with their lives in a fire which destroyed the home late last night of John H. Green, a well-known merchant of this city. Green and his wife family were sleeping when the flames broke out and had citizens not rushed in, the death list would have been eight instead of four.

The council of the Episcopal church of the Diocese of Virginia will meet in Warrenton on May 15th, and remain in session three days. The body consists of 150 delegates.

News of the Day.

A ferryboat, while crossing the River Neva yesterday was capsized by ice floes. Forty-five persons were drowned. President Diaz has adopted the hold-in company method to keep American financiers from getting control of Mexican railroad properties.

An extensive fireworks factory at Chihuahua, Mex., was destroyed yesterday by an explosion caused by a lighted cigarette stub being carelessly thrown aside. Loss, \$200,000.

Lord Barrington, sentenced to death for murder in St. Louis, Mo., must die. The U. S. Supreme Court today dismissed a writ of error whereby it was sought to have the sentence of death reviewed.

Judge Morris, of the Corporation Court of Ch. d'ottoville has ordered a local option election to be held there at an early day. Judge Morris granted the petition and fixed the date for the election on June 4.

Eleven of the Thaw jury met Saturday at the Broadway Central Hotel, New York, for a reunion and dinner, and adopted a plan to give an annual dinner. Judge Stead says he believes Stanford White got what he deserved.

It is stated that William Jennings Bryan believes that governmental control of railroads, tried under the most favorable conditions, will prove a failure, and that the United States will ultimately be confronted with the direct question of governmental ownership.

Upon the charge of conspiracy in restraint of trade, ninety-one business men of Toledo, Ohio, were indicted Saturday by the grand jury, which reported to Judge Morris, of the Common Pleas Court. Master plumbers, lumbermen, and prominent citizens are among those named by the grand jury.

After having been kept secret for five long years, a tragedy of "Lyndhurst," the Thaw family mansion, became known today. In the spring of 1902, a beautiful Kentucky woman, the wife of a Presbyterian minister and a relative of Mrs. William Thaw, committed suicide in "Lyndhurst" by hanging.

Ex-Judge James D. Watters is seriously ill at his home in Belair Md. He suffered a partial stroke of paralysis. After he left college he taught school for a time in Alexandria, and from there he moved to St. Louis, where he took up the study of law. During the year 1862 he went South and joined the Confederate army.

There is consternation among the barbers of England over the invention of a Londoner named Witherington. He has made a paste, which removes the beard without the use of a razor in ten minutes. The paste makes the hair so brittle that it can be rubbed off clean with a wet sponge. "No skin trouble" is guaranteed, and the performance is simply a part of washing the face upon arising in the morning.

The annual meeting of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum Association, at the institution near Baltimore, had a tragic ending yesterday. Moses J. Oppenheimer, a prominent merchant and Jewish philanthropist, had just begun the reading of his annual report, when he reeled, dropped into a chair, and expired in the presence of his son and some fifty of his associates in the charitable work in which he had been interested for years.

Orrie McWilliams, a fifteen-year-old boy, who lived at Deep River, near Des Moines, Iowa, choked to death yesterday as the result of quickly swallowing a piece of candy he was sucking while playing baseball. He was catching for the school team. As a swift ball came to him he swallowed the candy. He could not extract it, and a professor urged him to hasten to a doctor. He started, but had gone only a few blocks when he staggered, fell, and was dead.

A terrific hail storm which passed over Cathage, Yorktown and Clayton, Texas, late Friday, doing enormous damage to crops, houses and live stock. Hailstones as large as eggs fell, and at Yorktown the ground was covered to a depth of twelve inches. The path of the storm was twelve miles wide and crops will have to be replanted. Fruit trees were shattered and hailstones crashed through the roofs of frame houses. South Texas Saturday experienced unprecedented weather, the conditions pointing to snow.

Because she was afraid she was losing the love that meant more than life to her, Isabelle Boutelle, a pretty French girl, killed herself Saturday night in New York having sought her lover's room as the place to die. Louis Belle, a member of the orchestra at Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera House, was the lover, and when he returned to his room in Mme. Gallard's boarding house, on Twenty-eighth street, early yesterday morning, he found the body of his sweetheart and a letter which she had written, telling him that life was no longer worth living. She had torn part of her clothing to shreds and stopped all the crevices in the windows and door and turned on two gas jets.

Facing a revolver in the hands of Mrs. Edward Bradley, of Bethesda, Md., officers of the law yesterday morning arrested Edward Bradley, her husband, formerly a deputy sheriff of Montgomery county, and took him to Washington, pending an investigation of the alleged assault committed on Mrs. Ross Porter, of Bethesda, near Twenty-fifth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest, about 9 o'clock Saturday night. Bradley admits having been with the woman but says they were attacked by a negro. Mrs. Porter, who is the wife of a stone-mason in Bethesda, tells a story similar in most details to that told by Bradley, except that she claims there were two assailants instead of one.

A dispatch from Madison, Wis., says that the Wisconsin senatorial deadlock goes into its second week today. The most substantial rumor in circulation is that Lemont, Esch, Cooper and Stephenson will retire and W. H. Hatten, of New London, will be the Republican nominee tonight. The real situation, however, points to a continuation of the deadlock this week.

The entire plant of the Seneca Canning Company, leased to the American Canning Company, of New York, was burned today at Lubec, Me., less \$200,000. An explosion in the gas house started the blaze.

Powers' old clothing factory, in Troy, N. Y., was today destroyed by fire. It was unoccupied and was a total loss. There was no insurance. The fire is believed to be incendiary.

DIED.

At the residence of her daughter, in this city, on Saturday, April 20, 1907, CALO-LISE PATTON, widow of George Bryan, died at the age of 80 years. Burial from her late residence, 1909 Pine street, Friday, at 3 p. m. Interment private.

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, at 10 a. m., GEORGE L. SIMPSON, aged 63 years, died at his late residence, 126 North Columbia street, Alexandria, Va. Burial at 2 p. m. Relatives are invited to attend.

Today's Telegraphic News

A New War Cloud. Berlin, April 22.—A new war cloud is showing itself over Europe as the result of a brilliant coup by Kaiser Wilhelm in establishing the German Orient Bank of Berlin, as the financial backer of the new constitutional government of Persia. This move will check the plans of England and Russia for the dividing of Persia into two spheres under their immediate influence.

The old time rivalry between Germany and England, which had already brought the two nations to the danger line owing to the activity of England in trying to break the triple alliance has been greatly augmented by the Kaiser's shrewd move. England's anger is certain to be the more violent because she had planned to make herself the financial prop of the Shah.

A preliminary agreement has been made by Herr Sterlich, the German minister at Teheran, for the German Orient Bank to support the National Bank of Persia at Teheran. When finally completed the arrangement will make Germany Persia's financial sponsor.

By securing this footing in Persia Germany is in a position to check England's and Russia's designs on Persia and the situation in the Orient is completely changed. Wilhelm has gained distinct triumph in Asia, but his success is sure to react upon European politics. In many quarters it is believed Germany's Persia coup brings immeasurably closer what is regarded as an unshakably conflict between Germany and England.

Emperor William's step to establish himself in that country may therefore be regarded by British statesmen as a direct challenge to Great Britain.

Fleeing from Volcanoes.

Valparaiso, Chile, April 22.—The panic in Southern Chile caused by the eruption of the Puyehue volcano is growing worse hourly. The volcano is in full eruption, and residents of the neighborhood, who fear the whole region is to be devastated by the lava flowing are fleeing wildly for their lives. Several earthquake shocks which have been felt as far northward as Santiago have added to the terror of the people.

Forest fires which were started several days ago by the hot ashes and cinders from the volcano are still burning. Thousands of acres of fine hardwood timber lands have been burned over. Hundreds of cattle have been killed and many farms burned.

Arrangements have been made by the Government to send relief supplies to the volcano sufferers.

Steamer Ashore.

Tokio, Japan, April 22.—In trying to avoid a collision today the steamer Mongolia, of the Pacific Mail Line, ran aground near Hayeda light-house, Province of Nagato. There are numerous reefs in the locality, on one of the Mongolia spilt herself in keeping out of the way of a sailing vessel. The steamer is close to land and within easy reach of assistance, so that no danger threatens the passengers, although she has listed to an angle of 45 degrees. The Mongolia is of 13,530 tons and was built in New York for the Pacific trade in 1904. She struck a reef last September off Midway Island and only recently went into commission after repairs from that accident.

Confessed to Theft.

New York, April 22.—W. O. Douglas, the employee of the Trust Company of America, who was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing \$50,000 of gilt edged railroad securities, was taken to the West Side Police Court today for arraignment. He made a confession, so the police say, to taking \$250,000 in securities, all of which he lost in stock speculation and on the races. Bank officers, however, say only \$50,000 of bonds are missing.

Another arrest may be made in the case according to a statement was made today by President Thorne.

Monks Killed by Bandits.

Vienna, April 22.—Bulgarian bandits have sacked the monastery of St. Amargiri, in the Gasteria district of Macedonia after killing the abbot and thirty Greek monks. Few details of the attack are known here. The bandits, according to the reports received, resorted to barbarous cruelties in killing the monks who opposed them. Great popular resentment against the Bulgarian brigands responsible for so much looting and killing in Macedonia has been roused by the attack on the monastery and this latest outbreak may be made the inducement for the powers taking steps to see that the brigands are punished.

Stork Hovering Over Palace.

Madrid, April 22.—The stork is hovering over the Spanish royal palace. Professor Cutierre, chief medical attendant of Queen Victoria, expects the arrival of the heir to the Spanish throne before the week is over. All Spain is anxiously awaiting the word from the palace to know "whether it is a boy." Queen Victoria's health continues satisfactory. She attended a banquet last night and has taken daily walks or drives. The queen sticks to her declaration that she will nurse the child herself, despite the overturning of all Spanish precedent.

Killed by Terrorists.

Warsaw, April 22.—Armed terrorists today made an attack on soldiers and police officers, killing one officer and two soldiers. All the terrorists made their escape.

New York Stock Market.

New York, April 22.—There was a good volume of business and a strong tone to the trading in the first hour. In that period prices in all the active issues advanced ranging from one over two points. There was some covering of shorts on the early advance, while at the same time fresh lines shorts were put out.

Argo Red Red Salmon still in one-pound tall cans, because only the tall cans are filled by machinery. Flat and one-half pound cans are filled by hand. Hand work in factories is crude and antiquated. 15 cents a can.

LETTER TO HERBERT BEACH.

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S. Field, Indiana, Fla., says: "All houses here are painted with Devco. The last air is too trying for other paints. One coat Devco is better than two of any other paint, so far as we know."

Less gallows, less cost.

Yours truly,
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New York.
P. S.—E. S. Leadbeater & Sons sell our paint.

The Market.
Georgetown April 22.—Wheat 73 3/4.

Pilot Blamed for Collision.

New London, Conn., April 22.—United States Local Steamship Inspectors Withey and Stewart today gave out their findings in the case of the collision of the steamer Larchmont, of the Joy line, and the schooner Harry Knowlton, on the last of February last, which resulted in the disabling of the Knowlton and the sinking of the Larchmont with a great loss of life. Reviewing the evidence the finding places the blame for the collision on Pilot John Wanson, of the steamer Larchmont, and finds that the incompetent help of the steamer anchor the fact that a sufficient number of life boats to handle the passengers were not properly davited, was undoubtedly responsible for the fact that so few of the passengers and crew were saved. The finding exonerated Captain McVey from the blame for the disaster from any charge of incompetency or misconduct.

Engineer Electrocutd.

Rochester, N. Y., April 22.—John Yeger, the oldest engineer on the Erie Railroad, was electrocuted this morning at the Erie station, this city, when his head came in contact with the high current cable that is to supply electricity for the Rochester division of the Erie when its electrification is completed. Yeger was standing up on top of his engine fixing the whistle when his head touched the wire which carried a current of 11,000 volts. He dropped to the top of the cab dead. Yeger had been in the employ of the road for 55 years.

Royal Visitor.

Boston, April 22.—It was learned today that Prince Wilhelm grandson of King Oscar of Sweden will make his first landing in Boston when he comes to the United States several weeks hence, to attend the Jamestown Exposition. Prince Wilhelm will come in command of the crack Swedish cruiser Flygia. From here he will sail for New York and thence to Norfolk to add his ship to the naval display at that harbor.

Death of Gimbel.

New York, April 22.—Benedict Gimbel, millionaire Philadelphia merchant who gashed his throat and wrists with a jagged piece of a glass pitcher, in a Hoboken hotel Friday, after he had been arrested on the charge of assaulting a sixteen-year-old boy, died early today in St. Mary's Hospital.

Virginia News.

Virginia will send a rifle team to Camp Perry, Ohio, in August next.

Capt. R. S. Parks, a well-known lawyer of the Luray bar, and one of the framers of the present State constitution, has announced his candidacy for the State senate from that district, composed of Page, Warren, and Clarke counties.

The body of Miss Mabel Pendleton was found Saturday morning half a mile below the bridge over Jackson river, and Clifton Forge, from which she and her sweetheart, Stuart Gay, jumped to their death on Thursday last, after being turned back by a policeman at Staunton while en route to Washington to be married. The body of Gay was recovered yesterday.

A merchant named Early yesterday afternoon at Irvington, Campbell county, shot and killed John Groseman, the Southern Railway telegraph operator at that place. It is alleged that the shooting was over the wife of the surviving man. The man met shortly after Early's wife left for Danville and engaged in a pistol duel, seven or eight shots being fired. Early received a flesh wound in his leg.

While masquerading in male attire, Ellen Elliott, a young negro woman, was killed in Danville Saturday night by a crowd of white boys on the public road. The woman was walking with a negro man when the white boys came up. A few words passed between the whites and blacks, and a number of rocks were thrown. The woman, it is charged, pulled a pistol and began firing, when one of the white boys felled her with a beer bottle. She was then stoned and kicked. Joe Baugh acknowledged that he plugged a long dirk several times in the woman, but claims that he acted in self-defense. The companion of the woman, seeing that they were outnumbered, ran. Tom Walker, Joe Baugh, Oscar Nearberly, and John B. Talbot, four white boys, are in jail, charged with the murder. All confess that they were implicated in the killing. It is not known why the woman was wearing men's clothes.

Not the Marvin Boy.

Myles Standish, a nephew of Dr. H. M. Marvin, of Dover, Del., father of Horace Marvin, Jr., the kidnapped child, arrived in Gloversville, N. Y., yesterday morning to see the child held there on suspicion that he is the kidnapped Marvin boy. Mr. Standish went at once to the place where the boy was stopping with the woman alleged to be the wife of Al H. Allen, the suspected kidnapper, and saw the child. He made a minute examination of the lad, romped and played with him for half an hour before he became thoroughly convinced that the boy was not Horace Marvin, and so announced himself to Chief Smith, who accompanied him. He acknowledged that the resemblance was striking, but when he came to examine the boy closely there were many points of difference.

It is now believed that King Edward, in his conference with King Alfonso and King Victor Emmanuel, had in view the foundation of a Latin union, supported by Great Britain, for the maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.

The strike of union bakers and waiters in Paris has practically failed, but Parisians are still anxious over threatened strike of the food-producing trades generally.

"Preventies" will promptly check a cold or the Grippe when taken early or at the "mezzanine stage." Preventies are sealed cello tape tablets, and Dr. Shop, Racine, Wis., will gladly mail you samples and a book on colds free, if you will write him. The samples prove their merit. Check early! Colds with preventies and Croup Pneumonia. Sold in 5c and 25c boxes by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists.

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City Council.

A meeting of the City Council was held Saturday night at the instance of Mayor Paff for the purpose of holding a joint session to take suitable action in respect to the memory of the late George L. Simpson.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

There were but four members of the Board of Aldermen present—Messrs. Brill, Marbury, Curtin and Sweeney. Mr. Hill was out of the city and Mr. Ballenger was confined to his home by illness.

Vice President Curtin presided, and after he had called the board to order he formally announced the death of Mr. Simpson. He spoke feelingly of the deceased, recounting his services as a representative citizen and successful business man. Among other things he said:

"This is the second time in one week that the surviving members of the Board of Aldermen have met to pay respect to the memory of conferees who have died while in the public service, and the third time within two months. Mr. Simpson was a gentlemanly and successful citizen, a business man, a representative citizen, and a prominent member of the business community. I probably can say nothing concerning him but what you already know. His life had been spent in business in this city and in filling different positions which he had been called to fill, and we all realize that we have lost the services of an earnest, capable and valuable citizen. Death is no respecter of persons. It comes in the morning, noonday and evening of life. Three members of the Board of Aldermen—Messrs. Burke, Sweeney and Simpson—had died in a very brief period. They were men engaged in doing good at the time they were called upon to pass into another world. Death has ever been mysterious; we fail to understand it; God does and we bow to His will. Those only who have lost loved ones can understand fully the spirit manifested in weeping with those who weep. Nothing save a higher power can comfort at the hour of death, when consolations are tendered that loved ones have but passed into another world where there will be no more sorrow nor crying. This blessed hope is cherished by all—that hope of a reunion in another realm—and without it life would be dismal, indeed. I can sincerely express my own feelings on this occasion and my sorrow for others in the presence of death, having recently myself passed similar sorrows."

Mr. Curtin then presented resolutions (See official proceedings) in respect to the memory of the late Mr. Simpson. Mr. Sweeney followed the Vice President in a short but appropriate speech in which he recounted the esteem in which Mr. Simpson had been held, and said he knew he voiced the expressions of his colleagues in tendering the earnest sympathy of the board to his sorrowing family. The speaker also referred to the fact that the Aldermen had met three times during the past two months to take action in respect to the memory of deceased members. He spoke feelingly of each and the public services they had rendered.

The resolutions were then passed by a unanimous vote. The Aldermen subsequently proceeded to the chamber of the Common Council for the purpose of participating in the joint session, and upon their return Mr. Marbury announced the death of George W. Schafer, Messenger of the board, and expressed the regrets of the numbers at his decease. He submitted a resolution, which will be found in the official proceedings, expressive of the services and worth of the deceased, after which the board adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At the called meeting of the Common Council, held Saturday night, a communication was received from the Mayor stating that he had called the meeting to take suitable action in regard to the death of Alderman George L. Simpson. He also requested a joint session of both boards and asked to be allowed the privilege of the floor.

The Mayor's communication was received, the Board of Aldermen requested to meet in joint session and the Mayor invited to be present. Mayor Paff said that within a short space of time the City Council had been deprived by death of three of Alexandria's most respected citizens, and that he was especially affected by the death of Mr. Simpson. He had known the deceased from childhood, and always knew him to be honest, conscientious and true to his friends, and a man who always stood for what was right. The Mayor paid a just tribute to the memory of the late Mayor, and closed by saying that Mr. Simpson would ever be missed from the council of the city.

Mr. Snowden said that the late ex-Mayor was a man the community could ill-afford to lose. He had represented the city in the Common Council, had been a member of the legislature, had been Mayor and then a member of the Board of Aldermen. He paid a high tribute to the character of Mr. Simpson, saying that he had ever been upright and honest, with always a desire to do everything possible for the good of the city.

Mr. Birrell then paid a tribute to the memory of the deceased, saying that his manliness and sterling worth would always be remembered. Mr. Strauss told of the death of Mr. Simpson and spoke of his character in glowing terms. The joint session then dissolved after which resolutions of sympathy were received from the Board of Aldermen and adopted by a unanimous vote.

The board then adjourned to meet in the council chamber at 10 o'clock on the day of the funeral, to attend the obsequies in a body.

Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN. At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 20, 1907, there were present: Messrs. Brill, Marbury, Curtin and Sweeney.

Vice President Curtin presided, and after he had called the board to order he formally announced the death of Mr. Simpson, his colleague and a fellow citizen, and spoke enthusiastically of the deceased.

He was followed by Mr. Sweeney, who also paid a high tribute to the character of the deceased. The Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria is proud to have had in its ranks the services of an earnest, capable and valuable citizen. Death is no respecter of persons. It comes in the morning, noonday and evening of life. Three members of the Board of Aldermen—Messrs. Burke, Sweeney and Simpson—had died in a very brief period. They were men engaged in doing good at the time they were called upon to pass into another world. Death has ever been mysterious; we fail to understand it; God does and we bow to His will. Those only who have lost loved ones can understand fully the spirit manifested in weeping with those who weep. Nothing save a higher power can comfort at the hour of death, when consolations are tendered that loved ones have but passed into another world where there will be no more sorrow nor crying. This blessed hope is cherished by all—that hope of a reunion in another realm—and without it life would be dismal, indeed. I can sincerely express my own feelings on this occasion and my sorrow for others in the presence of death, having recently myself passed similar sorrows."

Mr. Curtin then presented resolutions (See official proceedings) in respect to the memory of the late Mr. Simpson. Mr. Sweeney